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When his pack is attacked by the menacing Chic'tr, the Fenrae pup, Whitepaw, must leave the security of his home in search of help, encountering creatures he knows only through stories and legends...

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It's hard to believe it's already been two months since ***Ernor™ #1*** came out. We've been so busy here at the studio time has literally gotten away from us. It wasn't until today that I realized I had better finish the layout of this issue and get it off to the printer.

As I sit bleary eyed writing this there is a sense of satisfaction that a great thing is about to take place. I suppose it would be similar to waiting for the birth of a child or like buying a new car for the first time. Our first issue was very well received, hopefully this issue will not disappoint.

I would also like to take an opportunity to thank everyone who has pushed us forward and cheered us on from the beginning. Please dodge the obligatory list that includes in no particular order: James Sullivan who insisted we do a story with Ocktons in it - Brian Kito for hanging around - Beth Tomasek for the first computer - Ken Morgan as a RenFaire companion - Art & Laura Miller at Cosmic Comics - Sam & Robin at Rama Lama Comics - Brian, Bick and Julie for not thinking we're nuts - Eric & Gina Horton for liking even the photocopies! - a bunch of guys from high school whose names I can't remember but may show up in another issue - the odd parent or two and that guy Rick we met at the comic shop who remembered us from the convention and wanted an autograph - did I miss anybody? Probably. But you know who you are - so thanks! - and write to us. Actually, a bit of thanks goes to the folks on the internet who bought our stuff almost sight unseen, they have an ad in the back of this issue. Check it out and give 'em some business. I would also like to mention the helpful advice that Tygger L. Graf gave us about the comic biz in general was well received, we appreciate it greatly. Gee - you'd think I was accepting an Oscar or something - but we mean it everyone, thanks!

We will be at the Mephit Furmeet by the time this is out and at ConiFur in October. Drop by our table, we'd like to meet you! Also, there's some spiffy new stuff available for the die-hard fan! Who would be caught dead at a con without their very own Ernor t-shirt?

Cum air falbh feur gorm!
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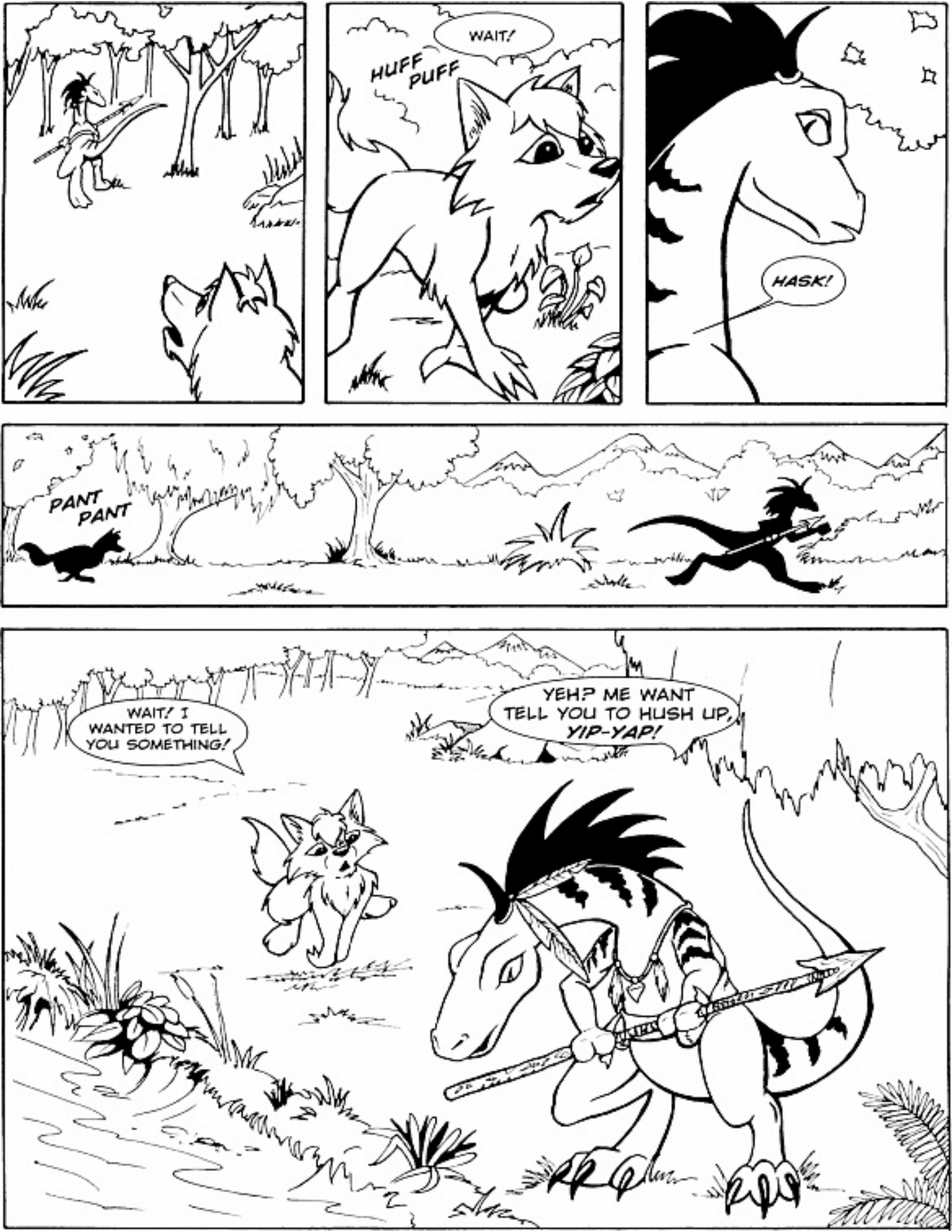
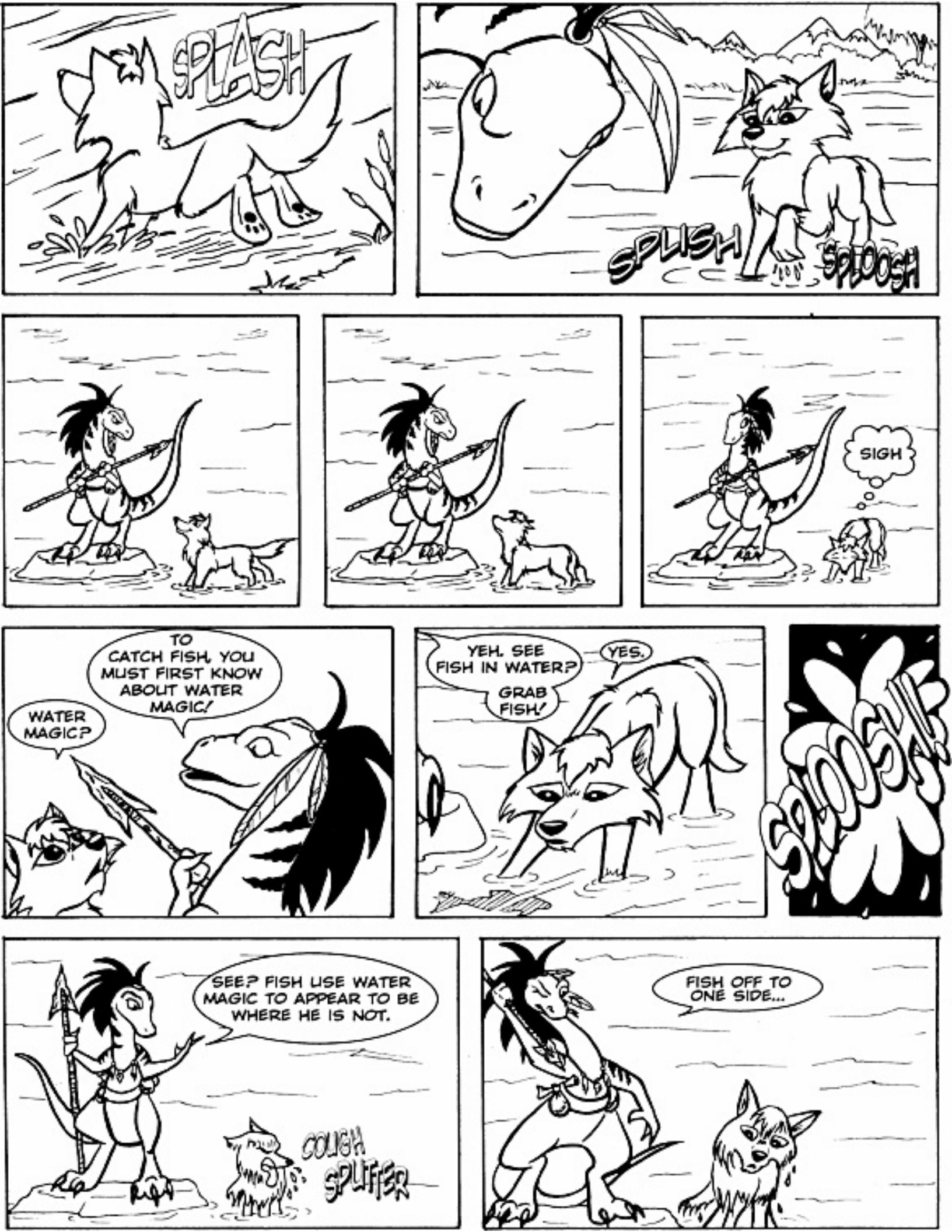
BEST WE GO, YIP-YAP. WHERE ONE SIX-LEGS GO, OTHERS SURE TO FOLLOW.
UH... GOOD IDEA.


WAIT!
HUFF PUFF
HASK!
PANT PANT
WAIT! I WANTED TO TELL YOU SOMETHING!
YEH? ME WANT TELL YOU TO HUSH UP, YIP-YAP!

MY NAME IS WHITEPAW!
ME THINK YIP-YAP BETTER NAME FOR YOU.
NOW, HUSH UP! NO WONDER YOU SO SKINNY, YIP-YAP! YOU SCARE EVERYTHING TO EAT AWAY. HUSH UP AND SOON WE EAT!
EAT! WHAT ARE-
FISH! SEE?
WOW!


SPLASH
SPLISH
SPLOOSH
SIGH
TO CATCH FISH, YOU MUST FIRST KNOW ABOUT WATER MAGIC!
WATER MAGIC?
YEH. SEE FISH IN WATER?
GRAB FISH!
YES.
SEE? FISH USE WATER MAGIC TO APPEAR TO BE WHERE HE IS NOT.
COUGH SPLUTTER
FISH OFF TO ONE SIDE...

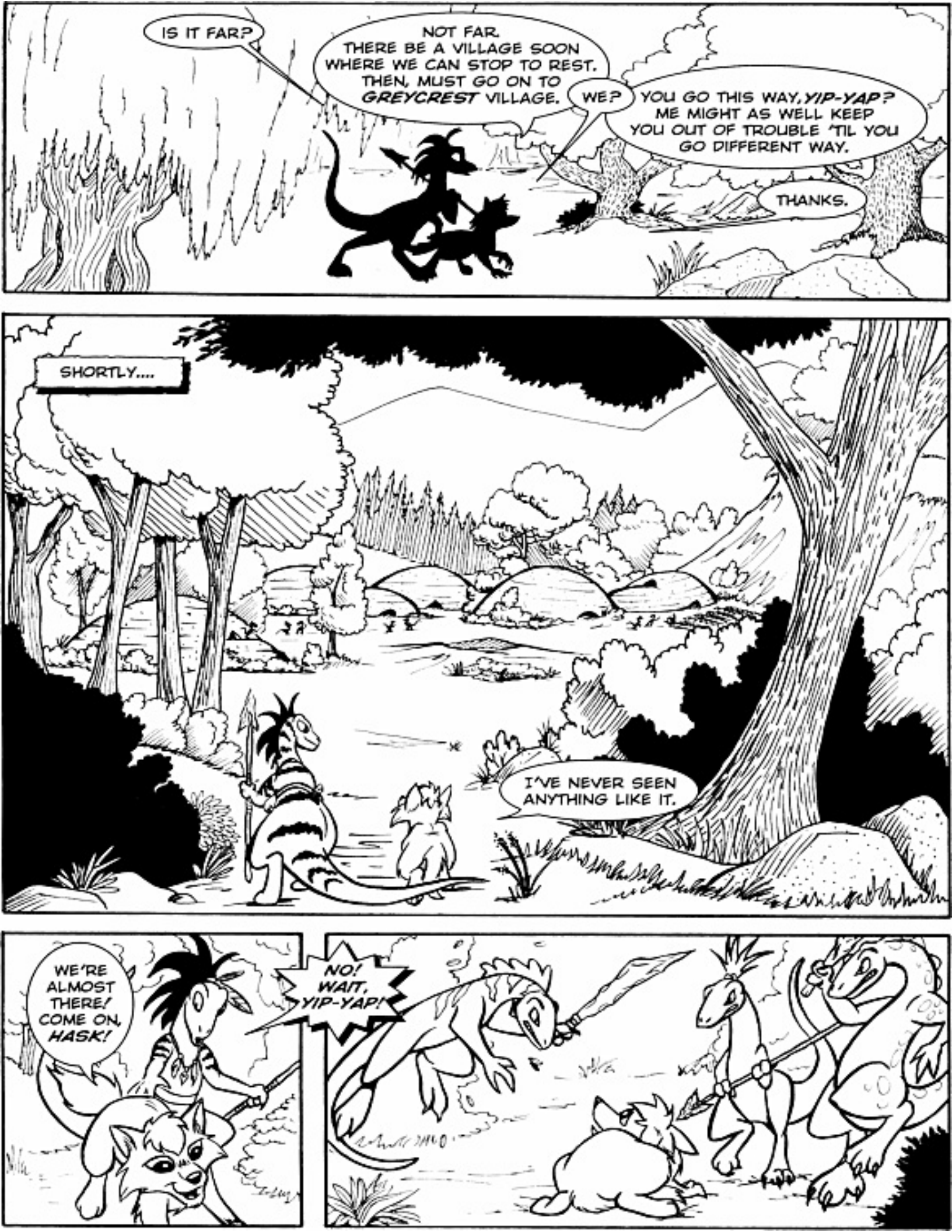
LIKE SO!

MUNCH
SPLOOSH
SPLISH
HEY! HI HOT HUN!
THANKS!
WHY THANKS? YOU CATCH FISH.
I DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO CATCH FISH BEFORE.
THANKS FOR TEACHING ME...
...AND THANKS FOR SAVING MY LIFE!
HARUMPH! YOUR KIND ALWAYS NEED THIS MUCH HELP, YIP-YAP?
NO! I CAN TAKE CARE OF MYSELF!
HA! YOU BE FOOD FOR SIX-LEGS IF ME NOT COME ALONG!

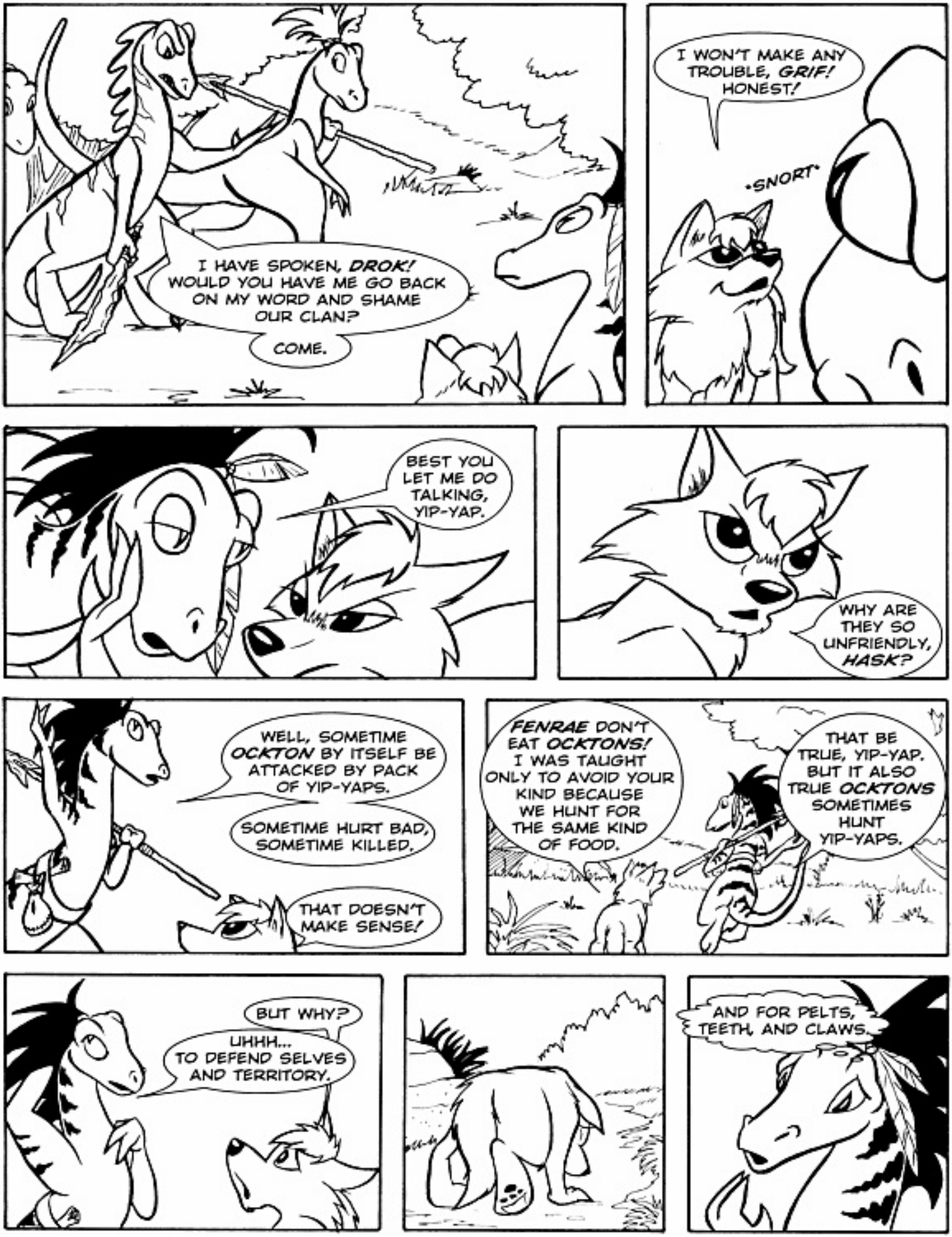
LISTEN, YOU-!
ME HASK! HASK OF THE REDTOOTH CLAN!
OK, OK, OK! AND YOU'RE ON A VERY SERIOUS MISSION!
OOOOO! THAT RIGHT! ME NEED TO GO!
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
ME GO TO GREYCREST VILLAGE TO DELIVER MESSAGE!
VERY IMPORTANT!
I'M ON A VERY IMPORTANT MISSION, TOO!
YEH? WHAT BE YOU MISSION?
I'M GOING TO THE NEAREST FENRAE TRIBE TO ASK FOR THEIR HELP FIGHTING THE CHIC'TR.
YOU YIP-YAPS! ALWAYS NEEDING HELP!
FROM TIME WE OCKTONS HATCH WE LEARN TO FEND FOR OURSELVES. WE LEARN TO HUNT, MAKE THINGS-
LIKE THIS?

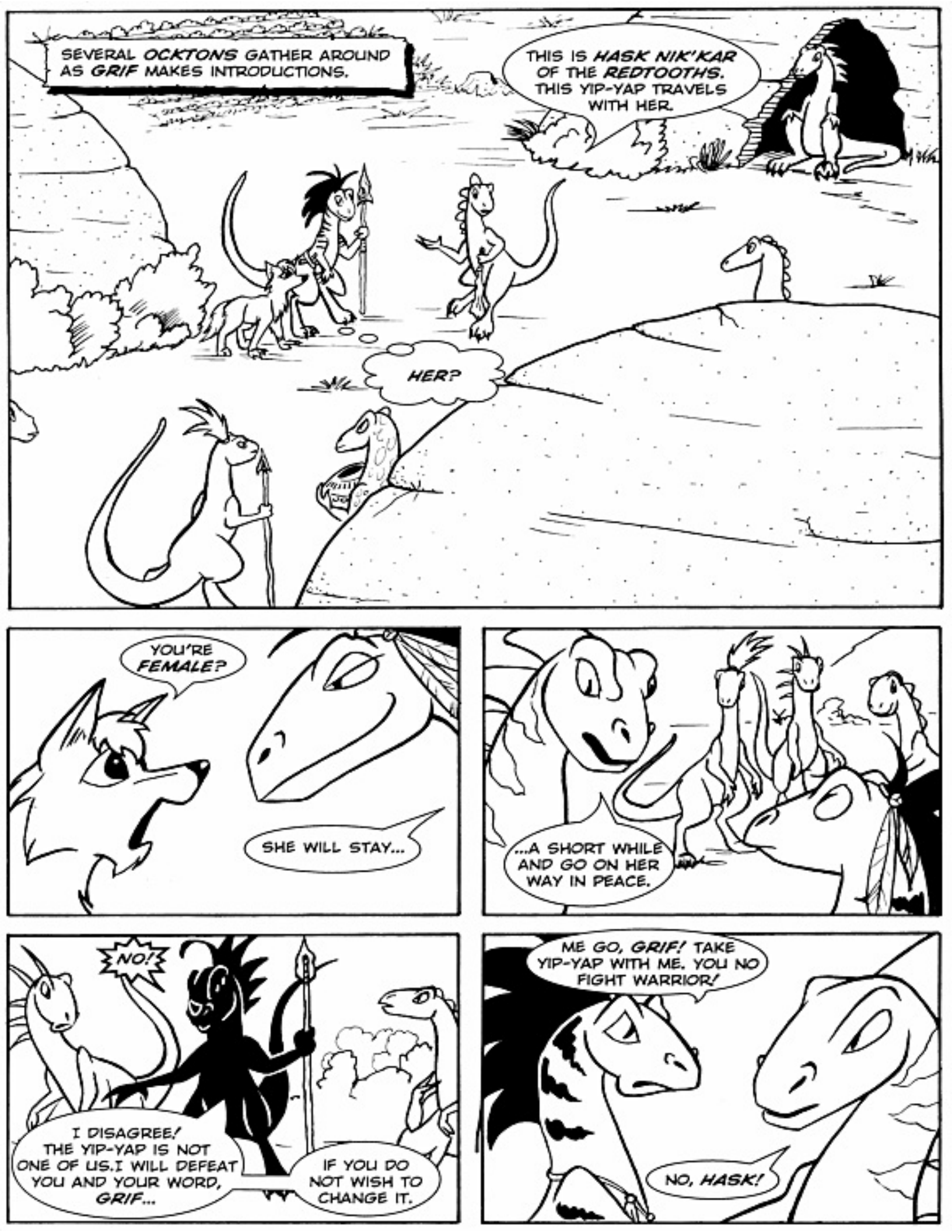
YEH. ME MAKE THIS SPEAR.
TOOK LONG TIME TO CARVE SHAFT AND...
...MAKE SPEARHEAD.
IT'S GREAT!
COULD I HOLD IT?
SURE, YIP-YAP.
IT'S A LOT LIKE *FROST'S* STAFF.
WHO *FROST*?
HE'S OUR *SHAMAN*.
SHAMAN? YOU MEAN LEADER?
NO. *BLACKMANE'S* OUR *ALPHA*. HE'S THE LEADER. *FROST'S* THE *SHAMAN*. HE CAN CALL ON THE POWERS OF NATURE.

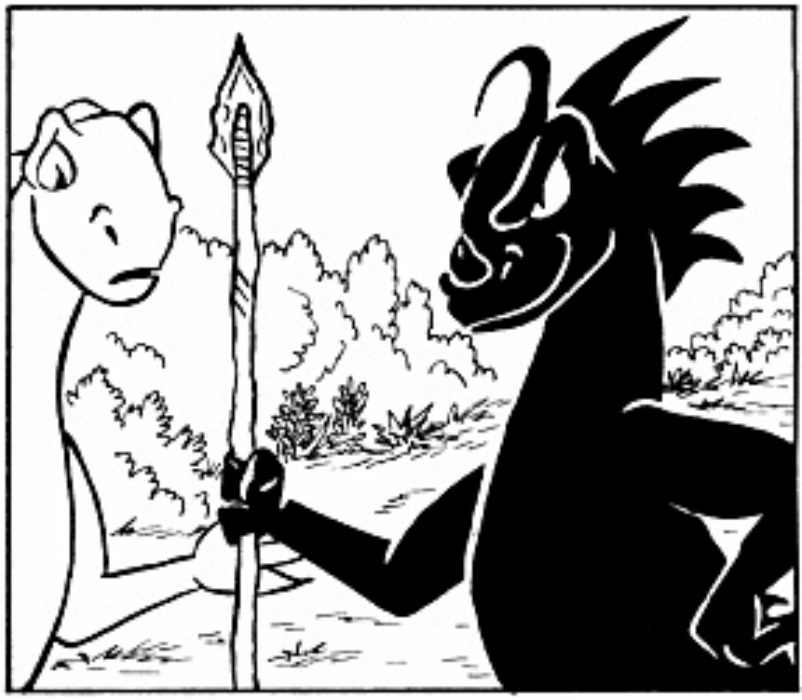
OOOOOH! FROST HE BE A MYSTIC!
YOU OCKTONS HAVE SHA- I MEAN, - MYSTICS?
YEH! YOU THINK WE PRIMITIVE OR SOMETHING? EACH CLAN HAVE A MYSTIC. THE GREYCREST VILLAGE HAVE MANY MYSTICS. THAT WHY ME GO THERE TO DELIVER VERY IMPORTANT MESSAGE.
WHAT'S A VILLAGE?
PLACE WHERE BE MANY OCKTONS.

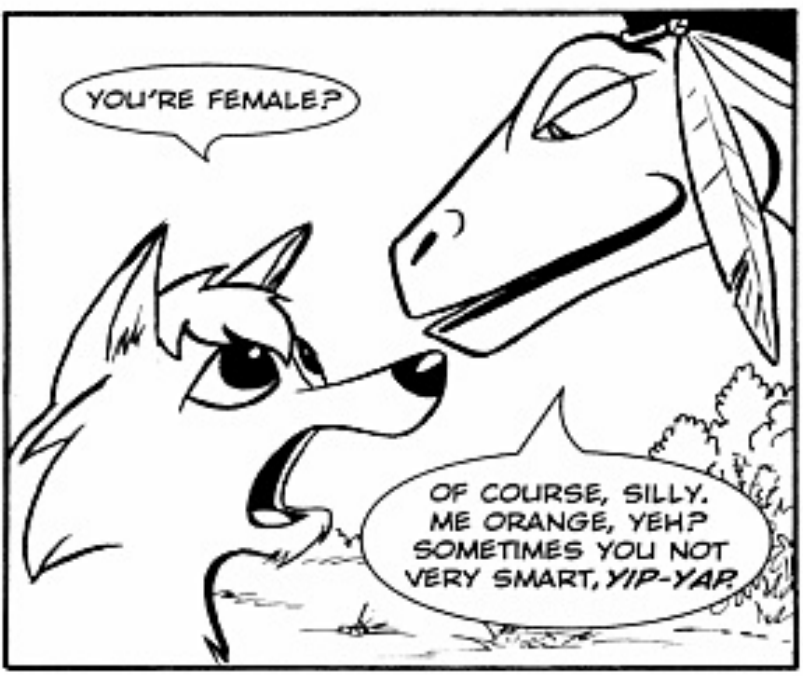

IS IT FAR?
NOT FAR. THERE BE A VILLAGE SOON WHERE WE CAN STOP TO REST. THEN, MUST GO ON TO GREYCREST VILLAGE.
WE?
YOU GO THIS WAY, YIP-YAP? ME MIGHT AS WELL KEEP YOU OUT OF TROUBLE 'TIL YOU GO DIFFERENT WAY.
THANKS.
SHORTLY....
I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT.
WE'RE ALMOST THERE! COME ON, HASK!
NO! WAIT, YIP-YAP!

NO! STOP! DON'T HURT YIP-YAP!
!
WHO ARE YOU, INTRUDER?
ME HASK NIK'KAR OF THE REDTOOTH CLAN. ME ON VERY SERIOUS MISSION! ME MUST DELIVER MESSAGE TO GREYCREST VILLAGE H'SAK. YIP-YAP TRAVELS WITH ME.
MAY WE REST IN YOU VILLAGE SMALL TIME BEFORE WE GO ON?
THE PATROL CONFERS....
I AM GRIF V'ROK OF THE GREENLEAF CLAN. I GREET YOU, HASK OF THE REDTOOTHS. YOU MAY STAY A WHILE IN OUR VILLAGE. KEEP THE YIP-YAP OUT OF TROUBLE.
GRRR! MY NAME IS WHITEPAW!
IT SPEAKS!?!
IT IS A SIGN! DO NOT LET THEM STAY, GRIF!

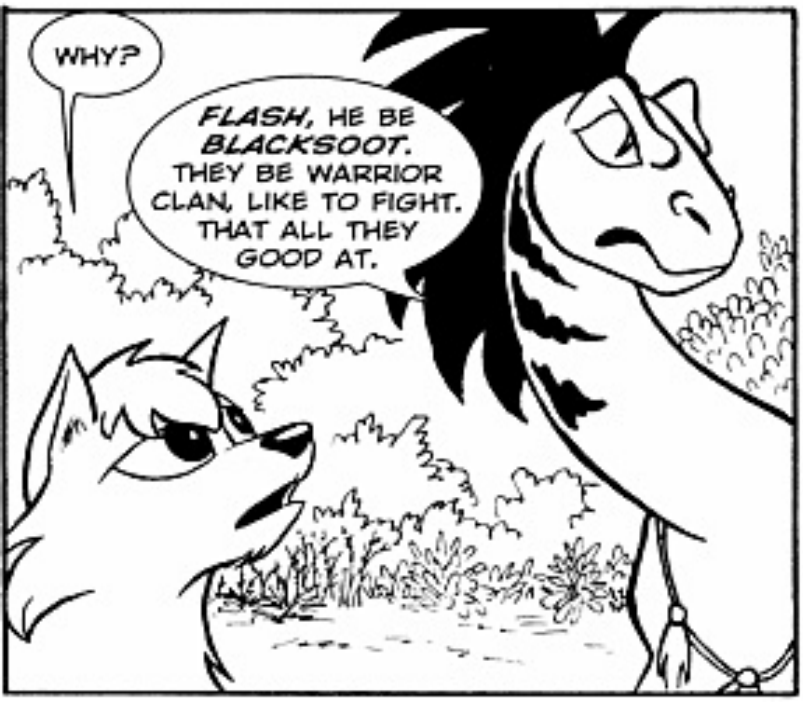

I HAVE SPOKEN, DROK! WOULD YOU HAVE ME GO BACK ON MY WORD AND SHAME OUR CLAN?
COME.
I WON'T MAKE ANY TROUBLE, GRIF! HONEST!
•SNORT•
BEST YOU LET ME DO TALKING, YIP-YAP.
WHY ARE THEY SO UNFRIENDLY, HASK?
WELL, SOMETIME OCKTON BY ITSELF BE ATTACKED BY PACK OF YIP-YAPS.
SOMETIME HURT BAD, SOMETIME KILLED.
THAT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE!
FENRAE DON'T EAT OCKTONS! I WAS TAUGHT ONLY TO AVOID YOUR KIND BECAUSE WE HUNT FOR THE SAME KIND OF FOOD.
THAT BE TRUE, YIP-YAP. BUT IT ALSO TRUE OCKTONS SOMETIMES HUNT YIP-YAPS.
BUT WHY?
UHHH... TO DEFEND SELVES AND TERRITORY.
AND FOR PELTS, TEETH, AND CLAWS.


SEVERAL OCKTONS GATHER AROUND AS GRIF MAKES INTRODUCTIONS.
THIS IS HASK NIK'KAR OF THE REDTOOTHS. THIS YIP-YAP TRAVELS WITH HER.
HER?
YOU'RE FEMALE?
SHE WILL STAY...
...A SHORT WHILE AND GO ON HER WAY IN PEACE.
NO!
I DISAGREE! THE YIP-YAP IS NOT ONE OF US. I WILL DEFEAT YOU AND YOUR WORD, GRIF...
IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO CHANGE IT.
ME GO, GRIF! TAKE YIP-YAP WITH ME. YOU NO FIGHT WARRIOR!
NO, HASK!




YOU'RE FEMALE?
OF COURSE, SILLY. ME ORANGE, YEH? SOMETIMES YOU NOT VERY SMART, YIP-YAP.

IT WOULD BE SMART TO LEAVE AND KEEP THOSE TWO FROM FIGHTING.
NAH! IT NO MATTER NOW. WE LEAVE, THEY STILL FIGHT. GRIF NOT FIGHT FOR YOU OR ME, HE FIGHT FOR HONOR OF HIS WORD. ME 'FRAID HE NOT WIN.


WHY?
FLASH, HE BE BLACKSOOT. THEY BE WARRIOR CLAN, LIKE TO FIGHT. THAT ALL THEY GOOD AT.

WHAT'S HE DOING HERE?
BLACKSOOT CLAN GIVE SERVICE OF WARRIORS IN TRADE FOR GOODS FROM OTHER TRIBES. YOU WATCH, YOU SEE.

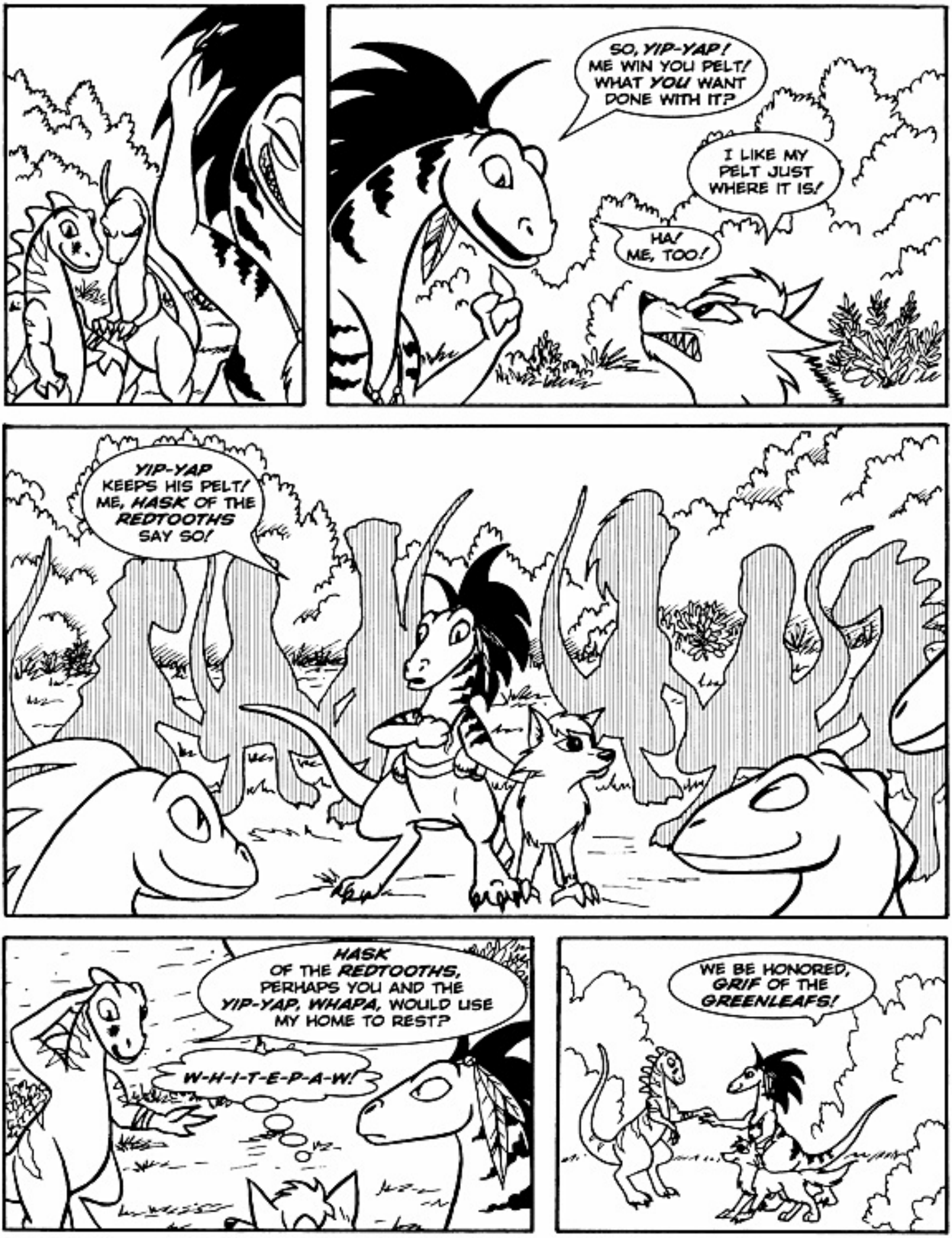
HISS
GRRR!!!
WHACK

I AM THE VICTOR!
DO ANY DISPUTE?!

AH!
SO! HASK OF THE REDTOOTHS! THIS YOUR YIP-YAP?
NO! HE NOT MINE! YIP-YAP BELONGS TO SELF!
SO, YIP-YAP! I THINK I'LL TAKE YOUR PELT!
GRRR! I'D LIKE TO SEE YOU TRY!
VERY WELL.
WAIT!
ME CHALLENGE YOU, FLASH!
WHAT ME GETTING INTO?
YOU CHALLENGE ME? FOR WHAT? YOU SAID THE YIP-YAP DOESN'T BELONG TO YOU! YOU CAN NOT FIGHT IN HIS PLACE!
THAT BE TRUE. ME CHALLENGE YOU FOR YIP-YAP'S PELT.
TRUST ME.
WHAT!?!
AGREED! YOU WILL NOT KEEP YOUR PELT FOR LONG, YIP-YAP.
GRRR!!!

POOM

ME WIN!
ME WIN!
ME, HASK
OF THE REDTOOTHS
DEFEAT MIGHTY FLASHDUST
OF THE BLACKSOOTS!


SO, YIP-YAP! ME WIN YOU PELT! WHAT YOU WANT DONE WITH IT?
I LIKE MY PELT JUST WHERE IT IS!
HA! ME, TOO!
YIP-YAP KEEPS HIS PELT! ME, HASK OF THE REDTOOTHS SAY SO!
HASK OF THE REDTOOTHS, PERHAPS YOU AND THE YIP-YAP, WHAPA, WOULD USE MY HOME TO REST?
W-H-I-T-E-P-A-W!
WE BE HONORED, GRIF OF THE GREENLEAFS!

IN THE MORNING, WHITEPAW AND HASK SAY FAREWELL TO THE VILLAGERS OF V'ROK...
THEY TRAVEL A SHORT WAY...
...BEFORE MAKING THEIR OWN FAREWELLS.
WELL, YIP-YAP! ME GO 'CROSS RIVER TO H'SAK.
I NEED TO FOLLOW THE RIVER TOWARD THE MOUNTAINS.
YOU BE CAREFUL, YIP-YAP! BAD CREATURES LIVE IN HIGH-ROCKS!
I WILL! I'M GOING TO MISS YOU, HASK!
THANKS FOR EVERYTHING.
YEH, YEH. ME MISS YOU TOO.
LET GO, YIP-YAP. ME GOT TO GO NOW!
ME ON VERY SERIOUS MISSION!
SIGH 'BYE, YIP-YAP.
TO BE CONTINUED...

Yip-Yaps

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Dear Yip-Yaps!

I just received my copy of Ernor #1 from RABCO and I must say, I am impressed. I will certainly buy every issue from now on!

I will keep an eye out for associated goodies and new titles.

Eric Stout
Bothell, WA.

Hey, Eric!

Thanks for writing! And thanks for the kind words. We are glad you're enjoying Ernor. As for associated goodies, check out the inside back cover of this issue! There's lots of new stuff to pick from - but we're not trading any pelts at the moment...

Dear Yip-Yaps,

I have read and purchased various comic titles throughout my 28 or so years of life and every now and then one title or another really grabs my attention and makes me always remember the story, characters and the artwork. Ernor is such a title.

Vicky Morgan-Keith's artwork and story for the first issue was spectacular. As we watch the initiation into adult life for the young Whitepaw, the reader gets a real sense of what pack life for the wolf-like Fenrae is all about. The most striking thing in the artwork, time and time again, is the very real facial and body expressions of the creatures in the story. The artists did not create animals with human faces, they are animals with animal faces behaving exactly as sentient creatures would in the given situations.

There are a couple of pages where there is no dialogue at all; unusual for comics in general, but extremely fitting in this setting where body language was more than sufficient to convey the story of Whitepaw's journey.

Mprints has done an amazingly professional and very talented debut for their line of comics and I look forward to being a loyal reader for years to come.

Eric L. Horton
Rowlett, TX

Wow!!! Thanks for such a tremendous response! I have to go pinch myself now and make sure I'm not dreaming all of this....but what's all this just from guys named Eric?

Aloha, Vicky and Patrick!

My name is John Antilety, and I'm stationed on the USS Reuben James in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii! I just got back from a South Eastern Pacific Cruise to *inhale*...Acapulco, Panama, Ecuador, Peru, Chile and Easter Island. The local comic shop knows what I like, and they keep a box of stuff for me when I'm on deployment. They saved "Ernor" for me, and boy! Am I glad they did!

I know a few things about wolf behaviour, and I can say that you've got a good grasp of things here! The expressions and emotions seem a little human, but then they aren't wolves, they're Fenrae! If you really want to get technical, I suggest Barry Holsten-Lopez's book, "Of Wolves and Men". Awesome source material, and well...*blush* where I got a good amount of my wolf knowledge from.

What can I say, other than you are off to a great start! Keep it coming, I want to see more!

Aloha Nui Loa, Fenrae No Ka Oi!

John Antilety
ionotter@hotmail.com

Aloha back, John!

Acapulco, Panama, Ecuador, Peru, Chile, and Easter Island!?! Wow! Sounds like you're seeing a lot of the world, just like Whitepaw. We're glad to hear your local shop is keeping an eye out for titles you would like, and we're glad you're happy they got Ernor for you. Thanks for all the wonderful compliments! As a matter of fact, we're familiar with "Of Wolves and Men", too! It's an excellent book. Another is "The Sawtooth Wolves" by Jim Dutcher and Richard Ballantine. I highly recommend it. There are also two outstanding videos on the Sawtooth Pack. One is "Wolf: Return of a Legend" and the other is "Wolves at Our Door".

My Hawaiian is not so good, and I'm dying to know—what does "Aloha Nui Loa, Fenrae No Ka Oi" mean? If you tell me I'll let you know what "Cum air falbh feur gorm!" means in Ockton. Thanks again, and take care out there on your "very serious missions" in the Pacific!

We're out of space for now, but keep writing, and we'll see ya'll in 60!

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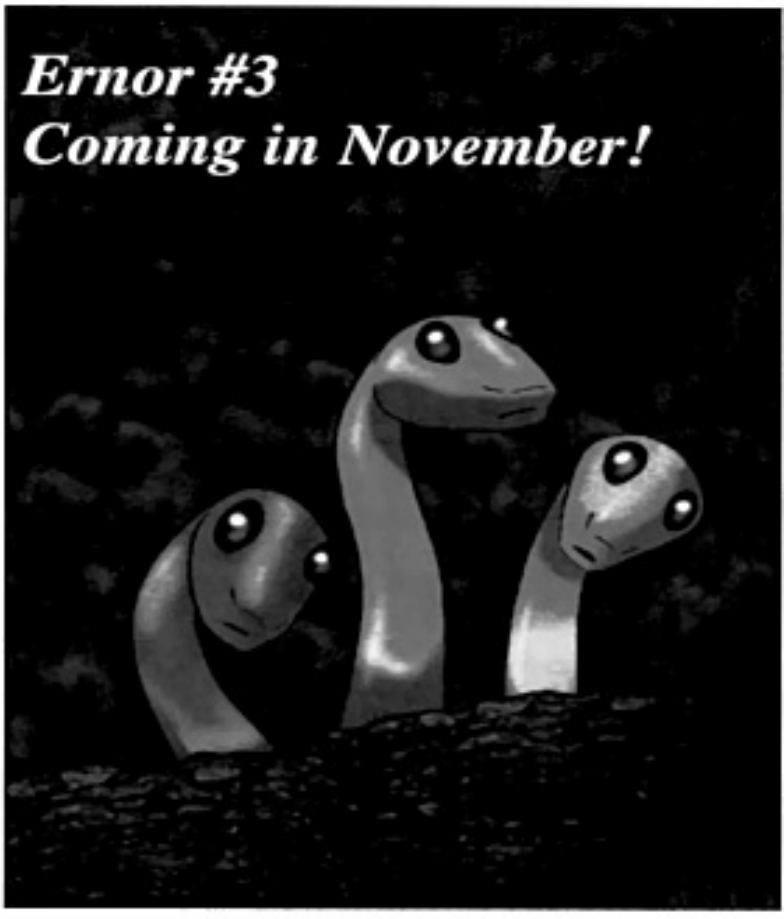

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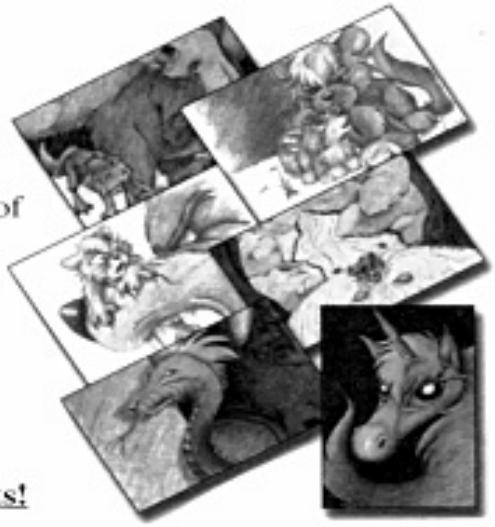

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